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Man, Your Manners

By I. Sherwood

Are you a "doodler?" If you are, then you are a person with the annoying habit or mannerism of drawing designs on things—just anything—or using the silver to draw patterns on the table linen at table.

Emily Post says, "All mannerisms that attract attention are in the long run unpleasant—even unendurable to one's companions." We should guard against little disagreeable habits such as: Making foolish gestures which have nothing to do with our remarks; fingering a buckle or button; tapping on a table or chair, tapping a foot; licking the lips; whistling or singing in company; and running the fingers through the hair. To avoid these and similar unpleasant mannerisms it is best for us to try to keep in a relaxed state; they are admittedly tension relievers for they are usually caused by emotional strain.

Adjuncts to speech can be interesting or very unpleasant mannerisms. Among the common faults are affectation; the use of slang and profanity; repetition of "Well," "As I said," "You know what I mean," or any other unnecessary phrases.

Anyone who desires to be liked by others will make an effort to be considerate of other people.

great complementary powers of the earth. Their interests, their governmental ideas and purposes do not conflict."

Piasta in November, Stories from Latin America, selected and edited by Angel Flores and Dudley Poore.

Translated modern stories from eleven of our Latin Neighbor countries.

"Yes, I, Eugenia Rague, native of Yorkshire, English by birth but Argentine by adoption, installed by my own will in this land which I detest but whose strength I have absorbed within myself." (Fiesta in November)

"Springing out of the leafy darkness of the grove, a blanketed man came up behind El Petiso, stopped within two paces of him, and made a violent thrust at his back." (Dangerous Men)

"Along the wild river, prisoned between massive walls of gloomy forest in remotest wilderness, alas: the two men with water up to their knees drifted, gyrating . . ." (The Fugitives.)

"And now the saint's procession was passing directly in front of them. Stiff, archaic, shining, He was power, he was the whole substance of hope. Look at him! Mercedes screamed, "Beg him for health!" (Pilgrimage)

The Ground We Stand On, by John Dos Passos. Dos Passos selects from American history, a handful of men and episodes that illustrate "the American Idea". This book makes you glad that you are an American.

Sea Power in the Machine Age, by Bernard Brodie. "War at sea is ancillary to war on land, and changes in naval material have not been such as to affect fundamentally the relationship of sea power to land power. Even on the sea itself, much is unaltered. The indomitable spirit at the helm and at the grin counts as much as ever—yet how different may be the conditions under which sea power fulfills its mission!"

The Ageless Indies, by Raymond Kennedy. "The primary interest of this book is in the people of the Indies. I am constantly amazed at the way native inhabitants of places in the news are treated almost as though they were not there . . . yet they are the only permanent feature in all the turbulent rush of events."

Sam Small Flies Again, by Eric Knight. "The Amazing Adventures of the Flying Yorkshireman."

STARS IN SERVICE



★ BACKWASH ★

By Jimmy Thompson

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence" — Webster

Revelation . . . Just found out why we don't have music in the mess hall . . . It's because someone found out we eat less when the music doesn't distract our attention.

Rumors . . . Who started that one about there being four rams for anyone who cut P. E.? Seems like there was a similar one last semester, except you got a medal instead of the rams . . . And where did all the guys go who used to spread rumors? Last semester a big holiday like the 4th of July would have had Aggies leaving about now, just on the strength of an idle remark, reading about like: "Hey, Joe, ya hear about the holidays? Everybody has to be out of the dorms by July 1 and can't come back until the 8th. Oh, the reason? B & C U department's gonna fumigate the dorms." If Joe appeared to be taking it all in, his informer would finish with some kick like, "That ain't all, Universal's gonna have special buses pick us up, take us home, and bring us back on the 8th."

Backwashing . . . Wonder why the corps isn't allowed to drop ties from the regulation uniform? The marines have already set a good example, and no one can say it isn't hot enough . . . An optimist is one who goes to a Juke Box Prom with the idea of dancing . . . And who taught the frogs the fine art of using the bucket? Inmates of No. 17 are said to be campused for reason of there being a minor flood in that dorm the other day. Recalls the old days . . .

Review . . . of the frogs was held at noon Tuesday by the entire 3rd Company.

Army . . . Let's all turn out when the election for yell leaders is held next Thursday. When the last vote is counted, the men who come out on top should know, by the number of votes cast, just how much of the corps is behind them and Men's home with all the G.F.U.'s paying their debt to society. No one will ever know the suffering that "Boy Scout" Merrill went through. The severest part of his restriction was not dealt to him under the company punishment act. The week-end restriction was nothing compared to the verbal thrashing he took from his better half. Mrs. Merrill was really furious and her husband had some fast talking to do.

What would the boys do without Blanford's gal. The little lady has generously shared her car with the 3800. Last week, however, topped all offerings when she toted the grand sum of nine G.I.'s out to Franklin's in her little Ford. Certainly she deserves some kind of merit badge.

Just a word of warning to you suckers who might get involved in a little game of "golf" with Beat-up Adriance. It cost me three bucks before I realized he can't possibly lose. The game involves dollar bills and the winner collects the other fellows' buck. The only catch is that Adriance has the only winning bill.

Noticed the crest-fallen look on Gottschall's face? He thought he had the contest cinched when out of the back stretch thundered "Dark Horse" Watson to win the race by a nose (pardon me, a demerit). Consult the chart for the final results. Better luck next semester, Ray.

Weiner remains the mystery (See ENGINEERS, Page 4)

The Lowdown on . . . Campus Distractions

By Ben Fortson

If you want to see a super-colossal drama of the present war with Japan, then don't miss the featured distraction showing today and tomorrow only at Guion Hall. AIR FORCE is the name of it and it tsars John Garfield, Gig Young, and Harry Carey.

This powerful drama of air action in the South Pacific concerns the story of the Mary Ann, a flying fortress of the Army Air Corps and her gallant crew. It is a true story. Air Force is the tale of a bomber and her crew that take off in the United States and touch all points of the globe in the South Pacific in which there is any war going on. When the news of the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor is first heard by the crew, they are on their way to that very base. After many difficulties they manage to land at Hickman Field which has just recently been bomb-

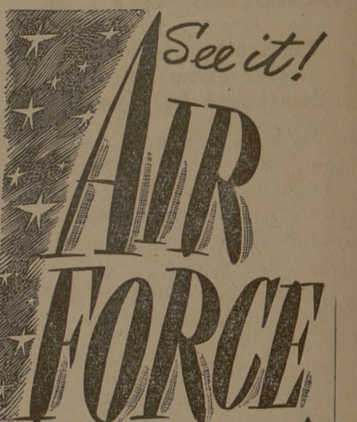
ed to pieces. Taking off just in time to escape a second Jap attack, they start out for Wake Is. (See DISTRACTIONS, Page 4)



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Good Neighboring At Home

Governor Stevenson as a long-time resident of Southwest Texas has a thorough knowledge of the Mexican people, which gives weight to the appraisal he made of them in his proclamation urging the "good neighbor policy" toward Mexico and no discrimination against Mexicans in Texas.

Mexico is a member of the United Nations in the common war against the Axis and has loyally and wisely co-operated with her American neighbor. Only recently President Camacho announced that 6,000 Mexicans were in the armed forces of the United States, and casualty lists have contained many Mexican names. Native-born Americans of Mexican descent make good citizens of Texas and capable workers, and unlike some other people of foreign extraction, they are absorbed in the "melting pot" and become loyal, responsible Americans.

Public opinion has not been drawn to instances of discrimination against Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in our State, and the Governor's proclamation suggests that efforts by "a few irresponsible or malicious persons" in that direction should never be permitted to impair or sabotage the cordial relations between good neighbors, the Republic of Mexico and the United States.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Something to Read

By Dr. I. F. Mayo

MIXED GRILL

Appeasement's Child, by Thomas J. Hamilton. The Franco Regime in Spain. "The black-shawled women waiting in the dawn outside the empty food stores, the Republican Militiamen held without trial in Franco's jails, need only help from us to renew the total war against facism that began in 1936."

Mission to Moscow, by Joseph E. Davies. To be read as background to the movie. It is interesting to see what a rich American finds to say about the only socialist nation in the world. "The British Empire, the Americas, and Russia, along with China, are the

ARMY ENGINEERS

SYMPATHY SLIPS

By Chaplain Cornell

Would that I could be like some of our fellows who take everything in stride and who, when things really seem dark, some how manage to break out with a smile. Fellows like Harold Dykema and Joe Lasnik and many others. Many of us would do well to follow their example and do a little more book work and a little less complaining. Now we are at the end of our first term and it has been damn tough. Let's finish the term like soldiers and men and admit that our instructors have really worked hard trying to get us back into the swing of studying. If anyone is to blame for our deficiencies it is ourselves and no one else.

"At ease Bradley" . . . We could hear that shout way down on the first floor. A bellow rather than a shout, something akin to a young bullock running out of wind in the middle of the bellow. After all Dave it isn't hard to spread your voice about a ten by twelve room. Really it's much easier than calling the company to attention. Let's modulate and let the rest of us have a peaceful evening.

Now that we have become life-long friends with Pat Blanford we want to have words with his girl friend, you know which one we mean, Pat, she drives a black Ford and isn't hard to look at.

JUST AN M. E.

By KAFF

As prophesied, this is indeed a long week. Suspense mounts daily and still no definite announcement on the furlough situation. But then it always has been "Hurry up and wait" in the Army.

These 'new' boys in our company (that is the only way to make known whom this reference is about) are fast becoming fused with the rest of the company. We do not like to refer to them as new men" continuously but, they aren't included yet in our (de) merit system. Better get accustomed to falling out more promptly fellows, before you do find your name on that honor roll, or you may find them accompanied by what looks like the Cadet Officers-

Kaff has at last begun the study of a problem which may turn out to be his life's work. We won't say any more but you will be reading an article by Marvin soon on his favorite subject, and he is really sincere in his writing.

Now for the job of the week. Whose girl writes from the coast, that she can't get over the spell he cast with his beautiful brown eyes. 'Fess up or I will tell.

And we still think Fred Swan is tops as our top . . . LOOK OUT NEW ORLEANS!

tic-tac-toe chart and when you lose to them you spend your week-ends in the dorms. Should this happen suggest you contact Watson, Cornell or Bradley for details on how to spend an interesting week-end in Spence Hall.

The nurses at the infirmary are obliging and capable especially a little one who claims Cleveland and Montreal as her favorite cities. She is really versatile and plenty good at any and all duties. Hats off to the Aggie Nurses . . .

Now that we have all been weighed again, you can tell who the chow-hounds really are. This program may be a "body-builder" but most of us lost weight, Red, oh yes, and Dyke.

STARS may come and STARS may go but none will ever create as much of a sensation on the campus as the STAR who had THAT wife. She appeared to be a cross between a Conover model and a Varga drawing out of Esquire.

Still holding our breath! Will Fearless Fosdick be annihilated? Can't someone please do something to save him from Stoneface? Bye Now.

AT EASE
By Martin
The dorm looked like the Old

"Ten-shun"



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Drop by Lipscomb's for the soda or a sundae—it's doubly refreshing because aside from better fountain drinks, you can enjoy them in air-conditioned comfort.

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